

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Application No.: 0 8 / 911,900

Group No.: 3727

Filed: August 15, 1997

Examiner: Joseph M. Moy

For: VESSEL WITH IMPROVED FOOD SUPPORT SURFACE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Enclosed please find the following:

Declaration/Power of Attorney (2 pages)

Amendment, Petition and Fee to Delete and/or Add to  
Original Erroneously Named or not Named Inventor(s)  
In Declaration-NonProvisional Application (2 pages)

Assent of Assignee to Correction and/or Addition  
of Inventor (2 pages)

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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, VESSEL WITH IMPROVED FOOD SUPPORT SURFACE the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sect. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sect. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

## PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority  
Claimed

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes	No	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sect. 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is (are) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sect. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sect. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Application Serial No. Filing Date Status-patented,pending,abandoned

And I hereby appoint:

John W. Kepler, III - Reg. No. 30397  
: HELLER & KEPLER  
: Attorneys at Law  
: 721 Emerson, Suite 569  
: St. Louis, MO 63141

my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

Send correspondence to HELLER & KEPLER, 721 Emerson, Suite 569, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, and direct all telephone calls to JOHN W. KEPLER, III, (314) 993-4625.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: Willie Bryant

Inventor's Signature: *Willie Bryant*

Date: 8/15/97 Country of Citizenship: U.S.A.

Residence: 2439 N. 16th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47804

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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY-ORIGINAL APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No. 10170/001/34569

As below-named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original inventors of the subject matter, which is claimed in patent application, Serial No. 08/911,900, filed on August 15, 1997, entitled VESSEL WITH IMPROVED FOOD SUPPORT SURFACE, the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.  
  X   has been filed.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority	Claimed
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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Filing Date)
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**Power of Attorney:** As named inventors, we hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Send all correspondence to: John W. Kepler, III, Registration No. 30397, SUELTHAUS & WALSH, P.C., 7733 Forsyth Blvd., 12th Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63105 and direct all telephone calls to John W. Kepler III at 314/727-7676.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR:** Willie Bryant

**INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE:** Willie M. Bryant **DATE:** 3/12/2001

**COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:** U.S.A.

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**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR:** Bette A. LaPlante

**INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE:** Bette A. LaPlante **DATE:** 3/19/01

**COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:** U.S.A.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE TO DELETE AND/OR  
ADD TO ORIGINAL ERRONEOUSLY NAMED OR NOT NAMED  
INVENTOR(S) IN DECLARATION—NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION—  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a))

NOTE: "If the inventive entity is set forth in error in an executed § 1.63 oath or declaration in an application, other than a reissue application, and such error arose without any deceptive intention of the part of the person named as an inventor in error or on the part of the person who through error was not named as an inventor, the application may be amended to name only the actual inventor or inventors." 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f) states: "If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under § 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship.

"(2) If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a provisional application without a cover sheet under § 1.51(c)(1), the later submission of a cover sheet under § 1.51(c)(1) during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship."

1. This amendment and petition is to correct the incorrect original naming of inventor(s) in the declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) as set forth and filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).
2. Addition and/or Deletion of Inventor(s)

February 25, 1998

(check and complete all applicable items)

☒ Add the following previously unnamed person(s) as inventor(s) of this application:  
Bette A. LaPlante

☐ Delete the following previously incorrectly named inventor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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in Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) [9-22]—page 1 of 2)

3. Attachments

Attached Is

(a) A statement from:

*(check items below that apply)*

☒ each person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1).

☐ each person being deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1).

(b) a declaration by each of the actual inventor(s) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 (or as permitted by §§ 1.42, 1.43, OR 1.47). 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2).

(c) written assent of the assignee *(if any of the original inventors executed an assignment)* 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(4)

(d)

*(check the following item, if all the inventor(s) remaining after this petition and amendment is accepted are not the inventor(s) of the subject matter of all the claim(s) now being claimed.)*

☐ Attached is an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claim(s) being claimed in this application, including the ownership of all the claim(s) at the time the last claimed invention was made (Declaration of Inventorship and Common Ownership of Claims in Application).

4. Fee Payment (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i))

The fee required is paid as follows:

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STATEMENT OF NON-DECEPTIVE INTENT BY PERSON BEING ADDED BY  
PETITION TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT APPLICATION

I, the person who is being added as an inventor by the petition being submitted to correct the inventorship of this patent application do hereby declare that the inventorship error in failing to include by name as an inventor on this patent application occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Bette LaPlante

Type name of inventor being added

Bette LaPlante

Signature



**ASSIGNEE STATEMENT**

A "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" is attached.

Bette LaPlante  
Signature

Bette LaPlante  
(type or print name and title of person authorized to sign  
on behalf of assignee)

(Assent of Assignee to Correction and/or Addition of Inventor(s) [8-23]—page 2 of 2)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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AND/OR ADDITION OF INVENTOR(S)Doughmakers. L.L.C.

(type or print name of assignee)

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## Assignment

☒ recorded on 3/4/1999Reel 9804Frame 0273☐ recorded herewith☐ A separate ☐ "ASSIGNMENT" (DOCUMENT) COVER SHEET is attached.

or

☐ FORM PTO 1595 is attached.

Assignee hereby assents to the correction of inventorship filed

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